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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EG, US

SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST FOR USN ASSISTANCE IN PORT SAID MINE
CLEARANCE

REFERENCE: CAIRO 6678, CAIRO 7170

1. YOU MAY INFORM FAHMY THAT US IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE
TO ASSIST IN SWEEPING PORT SAID MINE FIELD WITH THE COSTS
DEFRAIDED FROM FY-76 FAA FUNDS FOR EGYPT. THE NECESSARY
PAPERWORK INCLUDING FORMAL APPROVAL BY SECDEF AND THE RE-
QUIRED 15 DAY NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS HAS NOT A; YET BEEN
COMPLETED, BUT COSTS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 2.5 MILLION

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DOLLARS. WE HAVE NOT AS YET INITIATED CONSULTATION WITH

CONGRESS, BUT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SWEEPING COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS AUGUST 18, WE INTEND TO DO SO ABOUT AUGUST 1. THE REQUIRED MINE SWEEPING HELICOPTERS ARE CURRENTLY BEING LOADED ABOARD USS INCHON IN NORFOLK, AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR INTENTION TO SWEEP THE MINE FIELD IS LIKELY TO BECOME PUBLIC SOON. WE ARE THEREFORE PREPARING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH WOULD SIMPLY STATE THAT THE US NAVY HAS UNDERTAKEN THIS TASK AT THE REQUEST OF GOE AND THAT THE ACTUAL SWEEP WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH AFTER THE REQUIRED NOTICE TO CONGRESS. IF PRESSED AS TO MEANS OF FUNDING THE COSTS, WE WOULD SAY WE INTEND TO DO SO FROM

FY-76 AID FUNDS ON THE BASIS OF THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF GOE HAS ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS PRESS GUIDANCE. FURTHER DETAILS ON CONDUCT OF CLEARANCE WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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